

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 51**

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Adopted in Senate August 30, 2007

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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Adopted in Assembly August 27, 2007

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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This resolution was received by the Secretary of State this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Deputy Secretary of State*

## RESOLUTION CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 51—Relative to the CHP Lieutenant Michael Elvin Walker Memorial Highway.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 51, Maldonado. CHP Lieutenant Michael Elvin Walker Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 17 in Santa Cruz County as the CHP Lieutenant Michael Elvin Walker Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Michael Elvin Walker of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, Badge No. 9919, was born on September 19, 1959, in San Francisco, and he and his brothers, Robert, Steve, and Jim were the children of the late Robert and Kathleen Walker; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Walker attended Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco, and later attended Solano and Los Medanos Community Colleges, San Francisco City College, and San Francisco State University; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Walker's brother, Robert, of Auburn, is also a CHP officer (Badge No. 9095), and both brothers wanted to become CHP officers at an early age; and

WHEREAS, in October 1981, Lieutenant Walker graduated from the CHP Academy, started his career in Los Angeles, transferred after one year to his hometown of San Francisco, and then transferred in 1983 to Contra Costa County where he remained for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Walker was interested in pursuing a career in management, worked at the CHP's Golden Gate Communications Center, was promoted to sergeant, transferred to the Cordelia Inspection Facility in Solano County, and was

promoted in May 2005, to lieutenant with a position in Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Walker was killed on December 31, 2005, while assisting a disabled motorist traveling southbound on State Highway Route 17 just south of Glenwood Drive in Santa Cruz County. The motorist had lost control on a curve on the wet, mountainous roadway and was disabled on the highway embankment, and as Lieutenant Walker retrieved flares from the trunk of his patrol vehicle, another vehicle struck a Caltrans truck that had responded to assist with traffic control, with the impact of the collision forcing the Caltrans truck forward and fatally striking Lieutenant Walker; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Walker was a blessing to everyone who was touched by him, always demonstrating strong dedication, love, and commitment to family, friends, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Walker is survived by his beloved wife, Michelle Marie Walker, and children, Amanda and Jennifer, as well as his three brothers; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Walker's presence will be felt throughout the CHP and law enforcement community for years to come, as the loss of such a caring and giving person is a loss not just to family, friends, and coworkers, but is truly a loss to the entire community and the state that Lieutenant Walker served; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Lieutenant Walker's ultimate sacrifice for the residents of this state, it is appropriate to dedicate a portion of State Highway Route 17 in Santa Cruz County in his memory; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the portion of State Highway Route 17 in Santa Cruz County south of Glenwood Drive, between post mile 5.91 and post mile 11.78, is hereby designated as the CHP Lieutenant Michael Elvin Walker Memorial Highway; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.







Attest:

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*Secretary of State*